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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS OBSERVER MISSION IN EL SALVADOR

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Bearing in mind Security Council resolutions 693 (1991) of 20 May 1991, by which the Council established the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador and 729 (1992) of 14 January 1992, by which the Council decided to enlarge and extend the mandate of the Mission until 31 October 1992 to include the verification and monitoring of the implementation of all the agreements signed in Mexico City between the Government of El Salvador and the Frente Farabundo Marti para la Liberacion Nacional (FMLN),

Reaffirming that the costs of the Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with article 17, paragraph 2 of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Mission, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

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1/ A/46/900.

2/ A/46/904.

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolution of the Security Council,

1. Concurs with the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/ subject to the provisions under paragraphs 2, 7 and 8 of the present resolution;

2. Takes note that the payment of assessed contributions since 31 March 1992 has reduced the outstanding assessments;

3. Urges all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payments of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full and on time;

4. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account an amount of 39,000,000 United States dollars gross (37,000,000 dollars net), inclusive of the amount of 10,000,000 dollars authorized with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, under the terms of Assembly resolution 46/187 of 20 December 1991, for the operation of the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador for the period from 1 January to 31 October 1992;

5. Decides also, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amounts refferred to in paragraph 4 of the present resolution among Member States in accordance with the composition of the groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 of 21 December 1989, and 45/269 of 27 August 1991 and 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1992, 1993 and 1994; 3/

6. Decides further that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment of Member States, as provided for in paragraph 5 of the present resolution, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 2,000,000 dollars approved for the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador;

3/ See resolution 46/221 A.

7. Decides that 2,000,000 dollars of the unencumbered balance of appropriation be retained in the Special Account and that the balance of 1,347,700 dollars be set off against the apportionment among Member States as provided for in paragraph 5 of the present resolution;

8. Decides also, in principle, that the United Nations Observer Group in Central America (ONUCA) and United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador (ONUSAL) accounts should be merged;

9. Decides further to consider the contributions of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgystan, Moldova, San Marino, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan to the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador in accordance with the rates of assessment to be adopted for these Member States during its forty-seventh session;

10. Invites the new Member States listed in paragraph 9 of the present resolution to make advance payments against their assessed contributions to be determined;

11. Invites voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 A of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991;

12. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

13. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-seventh session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador".